

Land Clearing (Acre)

Definition

Removing trees, stumps, and other vegetation from wooded areas.

Purpose

To achieve needed land use adjustments and improvements in the interest of soil and water conservation and in keeping with the capabilities of the land.

Conditions where practice applies

This practice applies to wooded areas where the removal of trees, stumps, brush, and other vegeta-

tion is needed in carrying out a soil and water conservation plan, and the land to be cleared will be used according to its capabilities.

Planning considerations

The plan shall specify the kinds of timber to be salvaged, lengths of logs, and place of stacking. Method of disposal shall be specified for all material not to be salvaged. Clearing and disposal methods shall be according to applicable state laws and with due regard to the safety of persons and property.

The cleared area shall be left in a neat and sightly condition that will facilitate the planned use and treatment of the land.

The plan shall provide for the measures necessary to protect the cleared area from erosion.

Special attention shall be given to maintaining or improving habitat for fish and wildlife where applicable. Consideration of such things as strip clearing, windrowing debris, and maintaining den and food trees shall be explored.

Plans and specifications

Plans and specifications for land clearing shall be in keeping with this standard and shall describe the requirements for applying the practice to achieve its intended purpose.